



# CITY OF HOUSTON

Mayor's Office – Council Agenda

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Date: August 27, 2007

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Subject: **EXPENDITURE THRESHOLD FOR  
COUNCIL APPROVAL**

As of September 1, 2007, expenditures of City funds *in excess of \$50,000* will require Council approval. As you know, this is an increase from the current threshold of \$25,000. The change results from the passage of Senate Bill 1765, which amended the Local Government Code (Sec. 251.021) to raise the expenditure amount over which municipalities must comply with approved competitive procurement procedures. The City of Houston Charter (Article II, Sec. 19a) ties the threshold for Council approval to the threshold set by State law for the taking of formal sealed bids, and as of September 1, that threshold will be \$50,000.

The change does not require any Council action and will be implemented beginning with the Council Agenda of September 5, 2007. If you have any questions please call me at 713-247-3195, or Jo Wiginton at 713-247-2053.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jo Wiginton".

Approved by Jo Wiginton  
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